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Report to the 13th District

"Our immigration system is completely broken. Congress needs to fix it, starting with enforcing the laws that have been on the books for years."— Congressman Brad Miller

Making Sense of Immigration

Congress can solve the immigration problem by working for realistic solutions.

I voted for or supported:

- An amendment to H.R. 4437 to build a fence along the 700 miles of the Southern border that is most frequently crossed illegally.
- An amendment to H.R. 2360, FY 2006 Homeland Security Appropriations to increase funding for Border Patrol and Immigration agents.
- An amendment to H.R. 1817, FY 2006 Homeland Security Authorization that would have funded 800 additional immigration agents for 2006 promised in the 9/11 Act.
- Funding to lessen the backlog of visa applications for those willing to earn legal status by showing a solid work history, clearing security checks, and paying taxes.
- Creating a system to help employers ensure the people they are hiring are legal and help enforcement agents crack down on those that break the law.

I voted against:

H.R. 4437 : Which passed in the House by a vote of 239 to 182 and has been referred to the Senate. The severely flawed bill would make crimes of innocent acts of kindness from people who have religious and moral convictions to help others in need. Churches or humanitarian volunteers giving basic life-saving aid with food, shelter or medicine to undocumented immigrants would be made felons. Enforcement of the law would be impossible — an incalculable burden on our law enforcement officers and detention facilities. In addition, the law would make it a felony for millions of immigrants to be "present" in America.



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Our Immigration System Needs a Complete Overhaul

Dear Friends,

The issue of immigration is one of the best examples of what is wrong with Congress.

We should be proud that millions of people want to be Americans and have the opportunities our country offers. But the immigration system is completely broken and Congress needs to fix it.

Illegal immigrants break the law when they enter the country and employers break the law when they hire them. Those laws have been on the books for years but the Border Patrol and immigration enforcement agents don't have the resources to do the job. Law enforcement doesn't even have the resources to identify criminals serving sentences in U.S. prisons who should be deported at the end of their sentence instead of released. According to the Department of Homeland Security's Inspector General, there are more than 500,000 convicted criminals illegally in the country as a result.

Enforcement of laws against hiring illegal immigrants has also been ridiculously lax. According to the Department of Homeland Security, the federal government prosecuted four employers in 2003 for hiring illegal immigrants and issued fines to three.

After more than a decade of neglecting immigration laws, some in Congress now want to make felons of priests and pediatricians who help illegal immigrants, and require local law enforcement to take witnesses to crimes into custody for deportation. I voted against that.

The immigration system needs a thorough fix, starting with ending the uncontrolled illegal entry into the United States. I've voted to hire more Border Patrol agents and increase funding so they can get their job done. I've voted to build a security fence along the 700 miles of our border that is most frequently crossed illegally. And I support giving employers a way to know who's legal and who isn't, and then holding accountable employers who break the law.

We can't just shout "ollie ollie oxen free" to the 12 million immigrants who are here illegally now. We should deport some, starting with the more than 500,000 convicted criminals released from our prisons. Others who have worked hard, paid taxes and obeyed the law should have some way to become citizens – but they should have to earn it.

Sincerely,



Representative Brad Miller, NC-13

